

## SWED'S HEROISM MADE RESCUE OF 43 POSSIBLE

Passengers from the Texas Tell How Geerman Risked Life to Repair Wireless.

WORKED FOR 24 HOURS

Those on Board Were Verging on Panic — Sailor Saved Child Who Fell Into Sea During Transfer.

Forty-three passengers from the disabled Swedish steamship Texas, who were transferred at sea about 1,520 miles east of Sandy Hook on March 22 to the Scandinavian-American liner C. T. Tietgen, were brought to port yesterday by that steamer.

Although the wireless messages received in this city on Monday from Captain Thomsen, of the Tietgen, gave practically all details of the transfer, a new feature of the rescue was told by the passengers themselves yesterday.

All were anxious to tell about the heroism of Axel H. Geerman, one of their number, who restored the working of the disabled wireless equipment of the Texas.

The Texas had been in a bad way for thirty-five hours before the Tietgen came by. Throughout her run from Christiania she had fought her way through storms. She came through without mishap until midnight on Thursday, March 29, when as she was pitching in the trough of the sea a blade snapped from her propeller. The same gale tore her wireless antenna and damaged the instruments in the wireless room, also injuring the wireless operator.

### SKIPPER PRACTICALLY HELPLESS.

Before daybreak another blade broke from the propeller-boom, leaving the two blades of little assistance to the skipper in keeping his vessel head-on to the seas. On Friday both these blades broke off and, being a single screw vessel, the Texas drifted before the storm.

Her decks were constantly awash, and as she heeled over in the trough of the sea tons of water poured into her hold. Captain Willquist and his crew accepted the situation calmly, but the passengers, unaccustomed to such a night, became frightened. The skipper and his officers assured them that they could keep afloat indefinitely until help came, but he knew that within a day the northwester would blow the Texas far to the southward of the transatlantic lanes.

The passengers were hopeful until word reached them that the wireless of the Texas had been put out of commission, and that the wireless operator had been injured. With this information hope left them, and all were on the verge of panic when order was restored by the words of Axel Geerman, the silent Swede, who was an expert in electricity and wireless equipment. "I'll fix that wireless or bust," he is quoted as saying.

He had set up wireless plants for the Mexican government, and was on his way to Mexico then. He assured the passengers he would have the plant in working order within ten hours. The task was greater than he had anticipated, but he stuck to it for almost twenty-four hours, and finally sent out the S. O. S. call that brought the Tietgen to the disabled Texas.

Geerman, with the aid of a handful of sailors, climbed the foremast and the mainmast while the Texas was floundering about in a stiff northwest gale and repaired the antenna. This job finished, he went into the wireless room and got the plant in working order. By this time the wireless operator of the Texas had recovered from his injuries and sent out subsequent calls, while Geerman took a few hours' sleep.

### TOLD TO Allow for Drifting.

No answer came until late Friday night when the Tietgen answered the call and asked definitely for the position of the Texas. The operator sent the information promptly, and on direction from Captain Willquist advised Captain Thomsen, of the Tietgen, to allow for the drifting of the Texas before the northwester.

When the Tietgen was sighted on Saturday morning every one on board shouted and sang, after which many fell upon their knees and offered prayers for deliverance. The Tietgen came on slowly, going to windward of the Texas. A heavy sea was running, and it was impossible to lower the passengers over the side in lifeboats.

Two boats were let down and then filled with passengers, all of whom were lowered one and two at a time in a large basket rigged to the davits. Fifteen women and nine children were cared for first, after which the male passengers were sent over the side. The same process of handling the passengers was used on the Tietgen, which kept off about three lengths.

Two lifeboats of the Texas were used in the transfer. A five-year-old child called Borge Andersen fell into the sea from the basket as he was about to be hauled aboard the Tietgen, but a seaman got him before he went below the surface.

Several women passengers on the Tietgen acted as nurses for a half dozen of the Texas passengers who were suffering from exposure, shock and minor bruises.

### MOTORMEN ARE ORGANIZED

Request for High Pay Will Be Made to Interborough in July.

Organization of the motormen on the Interborough Rapid Transit system will be the most important matter to come up at the convention of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers throughout the Eastern states, which will be held this afternoon at the Amsterdam Opera House, 44th street and Eighth avenue.

Thomas Brisset, president of the Interborough local of the brotherhood, will present his demands and last evening that about 62½ per cent of the motormen of the Brooklyn Rapid Transit system were organized, 57 per cent were organized in the subways, 51 per cent on the elevated railroads, and 19 per cent on the New York, Worcester & Boston system.

"We expect to make requests in July or perhaps sooner for pay for the Interborough motormen approximating wages paid to the locomotive engineers," said Mr. Brisset.

### WILL HONORS HENRY GEORGE

Bequests from August Lewis to Single Taxer's Children.

August Lewis, a retired merchant, who died March 2, remembered the children in the single tax movement, in his will, filed yesterday, by leaving \$1,000 to Congressman Henry George, Jr., and \$1,000 to Mrs. Anna Goss Lewis.

"He makes specific bequests amounting to \$35,000, including \$10,000 to the Hebrew Orphan Asylum and \$1,000 to the New York Diet Kitchen. The residuary estate is left in trust to Mrs. Anna Goss Lewis, his widow."

### SOUTHERN 'CHIVALRY' DEAD

But It's Only the Kind Opposed to Suffrage, Novelist Says.

Southern "chivalry," at least the kind that wanted to protect woman by shutting her away from the world and its work, is dead—or it never existed. So says Miss Mary Johnston, of Virginia, novelist and suffragist, who talked yesterday before the League for Political Education, at the Hudson Theatre, on "The Woman Movement in the South."

Miss Johnston says the Southern men will never put themselves in the way of woman's progress toward the ballot.

"The old notion of Southern 'chivalry' is largely academic, any way," she said. "Southern men and women understand each other well—understand each other and respect each other. Southern men learned what their women were made of in the war."

The suffrage movement is making good progress in the South, and we expect that women will be voting in every Southern state within ten years. Virginia and Alabama are perhaps the most hopeful states. They are well organized, and in Virginia we have a flourishing men's league.

The women of Kentucky have school suffrage. In Louisiana women have bond suffrage. Bills for full suffrage are being introduced in our legislatures, and are meeting with more and more favorable treatment.

"The movement goes more conservatively than in New York State, for instance—but it goes."

### BURGLAR LOSES TEMPER

First "Gentlemanly," He Beats Woman Unconscious.

(See Telegraph to the Tribune.) Pittsburgh, March 29.—When Mrs. Oliver Blashford, of No. 229 Rebecca street, North Braddock, was rudely awakened from her sleep at 2 o'clock this morning, it was to find that her hands had been securely tied to the bedpost. Standing over her was a suave, "gentlemanly" burglar, in evening clothes, who informed the frightened woman that he had been forced to take harsh means to prevent her giving an alarm while he worked.

Admonishing her to make no outcry, the intruder ransacked the house thoroughly and, angry at finding nothing of value, returned to Mrs. Blashford and began a tirade of abuse. While the burglar had been at work Mrs. Blashford had managed to work her hands loose. Discovering this the man suddenly hit her over the head with a "Jimmy," knocking her unconscious.

Mrs. Blashford's five-year-old daughter, sleeping in another room, was awakened by the noise, and ran to a window and called for help. Becoming frightened, the burglar dashed from the house and disappeared.

A physician found that Mrs. Blashford was not seriously injured.

### BILL BARS "CENTRAL BANK"

Senate Currency Measure Provides for 20 Associations.

Washington, March 29.—One of the first currency reform bills to be introduced after the special session of Congress convenes will be a measure just completed by Senator Hitchcock, of Nebraska, a Democratic member of the new Senate Committee on Banking and Currency. It will provide for twenty individual banking associations in the United States, each supreme in its own territory, and with no central agency of control, such as proposed by the National Monetary Commission.

Senator Hitchcock's bill will not bear the indorsement of the Senate committee when it appears, but it is expected to form the basis for much of the early currency discussion. Senator R. L. Owen, of Oklahoma, chairman of the Senate committee, who has been ill for some time, will take up currency matters next week and will arrange for conferences with House members and with President Wilson.

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### PIANO FIRMS ROBBED.

The headquarters of the Faber Piano Company, at No. 347 Ryder avenue; the Berry-Wood Piano Player Company, at No. 331 Canal Place, and the McDonald Porter Iron Works, of No. 331 Ryder avenue, all of The Bronx, were broken into early yesterday morning, and the thieves got away with about \$300 in stamps and cash. The police of Alexander avenue police station are assigned to the cases.

### THE WEATHER REPORT.

Official Record and Forecast.—Washington, March 29.—Pressure is abnormally high throughout the Eastern and Southern states and much below normal in the Northwest. This pressure distribution has resulted in nearly fair weather except in the northern Rocky Mountain region and the north Pacific states, where there were rains. It has also caused a general rise in temperature in practically all districts east of the Rocky Mountains, the change to warmer being decided in the central central valleys and the Southwest. Temperatures continue above the seasonal average west of the Rocky Mountains and to the east.

There will be local rains on the south Atlantic coast and over the northern border states from Michigan to the Gulf of Mexico, and over other parts of the country the weather will be fair Sunday and Monday. The temperature will rise Sunday throughout the Eastern states and the great central valley. The weather will be fair Monday over the Northwest. Temperature changes elsewhere will be unimportant.

The winds along the New England and mid-Atlantic coast will be moderate south; on the south Atlantic coast, moderate east; on the east Gulf coast, moderate east and southeast; on the west Gulf coast, moderate southeast; on Lake Michigan, moderate variable, mostly south.

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Official observations of United States weather bureaus taken at 8 p.m. yesterday follow:

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Seattle, 44 Clear. Seattle, 44 Clear. Seattle, 44 Clear.

Atlanta, 38 Clear. Atlanta, 38 Clear. Atlanta, 38 Clear.

Boston, 50 Clear. Boston, 50 Clear. Boston, 50 Clear.

Chicago, 42 Fair. Chicago, 42 Fair. Chicago, 42 Fair.

Orlando, 58 Cloudy. Orlando, 58 Cloudy. Orlando, 58 Cloudy.

St. Louis, 62 Fair. St. Louis, 62 Fair. St. Louis, 62 Fair.

Washington, 48 Clear. Washington, 48 Clear. Washington, 48 Clear.

Local Official Record.—The following official record from the Weather Bureau shows the change in the temperature for the last two hours, in comparison with the corresponding date of 1912.

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